

# World War 2

# Summer 1

| ALLIED POWERS |                            |   | AXIS POWERS |                            |  |
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| Country       | Date Joined                | Flag  | Country     | Date Joined                | Flag   |
| FRANCE        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep, 1939  |  | GERMANY     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep, 1939  |  |
| UK            | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep, 1939  |  | ITALY       | 11 <sup>th</sup> Jun, 1940 |  |
| SOVIET UNION  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jun, 1941 |  | BULGARIA    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar, 1941  |  |
| USA           | 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 1941  |  | JAPAN       | 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 1941  |  |

| Leaders |                       |   |
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| 1       | Adolf Hitler          | Leader of the Nazi Party and Chancellor of Germany, 1933 - 1945 (also referred to as the Führer meaning leader) |
| 2       | Winston Churchill     | UK Prime Minister, 1940 - 1945 (and again from 1951 - 1955)   |
| 3       | Neville Chamberlain   | UK Prime Minister, 1937 - 1940 (infamous for failed attempts to satisfy Hitler's demands prior to the war)      |
| 4       | Franklin D. Roosevelt | US President, 1933 - 1945 (took the US into the war following the Pearl Harbor attacks)                         |
| 5       | Harry S. Truman       | US President, 1945 - 1953 (responsible for the decision to drop Atomic bombs on Japan)                          |
| 6       | Joseph Stalin         | General Secretary of the Communist Party and Leader of the USSR, 1929 - 1953                                    |



It is not truth that matters, but victory—  
Adolf Hitler



If you're going through hell, keep going—  
Winston Churchill



| Event                                  | Description  | Dates   |
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| <b>Outbreak of WW2</b>                 | On 1 <sup>st</sup> September 1939, Germany invaded Poland. Britain and France (Poland's allies) gave Germany notice to withdraw their troops. When they did not, Neville Chamberlain declared war on 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 1939. | 1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 1939      |
| <b>Evacuation of children</b>          | People expected cities to be bombed as the Germans tried to hit military or trade targets. This would put children in danger, so many were sent to live with families in the countryside until the war ended.                        | September 1939 onwards                                |
| <b>The Holocaust</b>                   | The Holocaust was a genocide committed by Germany before and during WW2. It involved the murder of over 6 million Jewish people and millions of others. Many people perished in concentration camps.                                 | 1933-1945   |
| <b>Evacuation of Dunkirk</b>           | Large numbers of British, French and Belgian troops were surrounded by German soldiers on the northern coast of France. 800 British boats set out and rescued many of them against the odds, although many men died.                 | 26 <sup>th</sup> May - 4 <sup>th</sup> June 1940      |
| <b>Battle of Britain</b>               | In the Battle of Britain, the Royal Air Force (RAF) successfully defended Britain from attacks by Nazi Germany's Luftwaffe planes.   | 10 <sup>th</sup> July - 31 <sup>st</sup> October 1940 |
| <b>The Attack on Pearl Harbour</b>     | This was a surprise military attack by the Japanese on the naval base at Pearl Harbour in Hawaii. It led to the US joining the Allies in the war.  | 7 <sup>th</sup> December 1941                         |
| <b>D-Day Landings</b>                  | Also known as the Normandy Landings, these were a series of landing operations by the Allies to claim back Europe.   | 6 <sup>th</sup> June 1944                             |
| <b>Hitler's Suicide</b>                | With the German army facing defeat, Hitler married his partner Eva Braun on the 29 <sup>th</sup> April and the next day they committed suicide.  | 30 <sup>th</sup> April 1945                           |
| <b>Germany Surrenders</b>              | Germany officially surrendered to the Allies, bringing an end to the fighting in Europe.   | 7 <sup>th</sup> May 1945                              |
| <b>USA drops atomic bombs on Japan</b> | Japan refused to surrender. The US considered invading, but instead dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima (6 <sup>th</sup> August) and Nagasaki (9 <sup>th</sup> August).  | 6 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> August 1945          |
| <b>WW2 Ends</b>                        | Japan surrendered on August 15 <sup>th</sup> and this was formally signed on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 1945.   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 1945                        |



Supermarine Spitfire—Flown by Allied Forces



Rolls Royce Merlin Engine—fitted to the Spitfire and built in Derby.

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| Nazi Party | The Nazi Party was a political party in Germany active between 1920 and 1945 and led by Adolf Hitler. |
| Allies     | Countries that fought on the British side during WW2.   |
| Rationing  | The system in which food and good were shared equally, due to shortages.                              |
| Propaganda | Information which is misleading and is used to argue a political point of view.                       |
| Air Raid   | Military planes sent to bomb an area of another   |
| Holocaust  | The planned and systematic murder of Jews and other minority groups by the Nazi party.                |

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| <p><u>Task 1</u></p> <p>Research and create a fact file on the connection between the Rolls Royce Merlin engine and Derby.</p> | <p><u>Task 2</u></p> <p>Imagine you have been evacuated to the countryside, write a letter home to your parents detailing your experiences and feelings.</p> | <p><u>Task 3</u></p> <p>Complete a portrait—similar to that of Winston Churchill—of Neville Chamberlain.</p> |
| <p><u>Task 4</u></p> <p>Write a persuasive argument explaining why we should learn about WW2 in schools.</p>                   | <p><u>Task 5</u></p> <p>Research food rationing in Britain during the war and come up with a weekly shopping list and meal.</p>                              | <p><u>Task 6</u></p> <p>Create a piece of artwork inspired by the Spitfire aeroplane.</p>                    |